

C2 Exercise 2B (sine rule used to find angles)

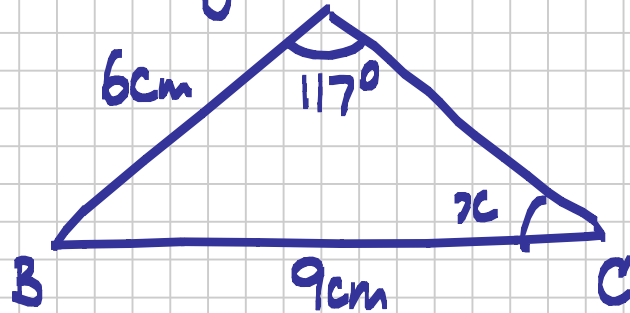
Note Title

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1 In each of the following sets of data for a triangle ABC find the value of x .

a) $AB = 6\text{cm}$, $BC = 9\text{cm}$, $\angle BAC = 117^\circ$, $\angle ACB = x$

Draw a diagram:



$$\frac{\sin x}{6} = \frac{\sin 117}{9}$$

$$\sin x = \frac{6}{9} \sin 117$$

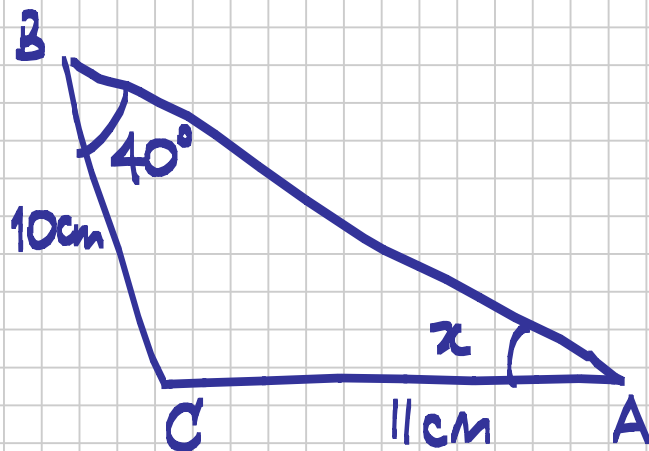
$$x = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{2}{3} \sin 117\right)$$

$$x = 36.44168693 \approx 36.4^\circ$$

C2Ex2b

1 In each of the following sets of data for a triangle ABC find the value of x .

b $AC = 11\text{cm}$, $BC = 10\text{cm}$, $\angle ABC = 40^\circ$, $\angle CAB = x$



$$\frac{\sin x}{10} = \frac{\sin 40}{11}$$

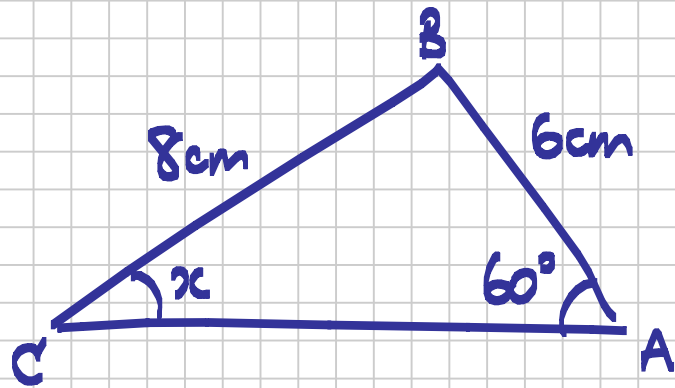
$$x = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{10}{11} \sin 40\right)$$

$$x = 35.75725126 \approx 35.8^\circ$$

C2Ex2b

1 In each of the following sets of data for a triangle ABC find the value of x .

c) $AB = 6\text{cm}$, $BC = 8\text{cm}$, $\angle BAC = 60^\circ$, $\angle ACB = x$



$$\frac{\sin x}{6} = \frac{\sin 60}{8}$$

$$x = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{4}\sin 60\right)$$

$$x = 40.50535033 \approx 40.5^\circ$$

C2 Ex 2B

1 In each of the following sets of data for a triangle ABC find the value of x .

d) $AB = 8.7\text{cm}$, $AC = 10.8\text{cm}$, $\angle ABC = 28^\circ$, $\angle BAC = x^\circ$



Introduce angle $\theta = \angle BCA$

$$\frac{\sin \theta}{8.7} = \frac{\sin 28}{10.8}$$

$$\theta = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{8.7}{10.8} \sin 28\right) = 22.22132895^\circ$$

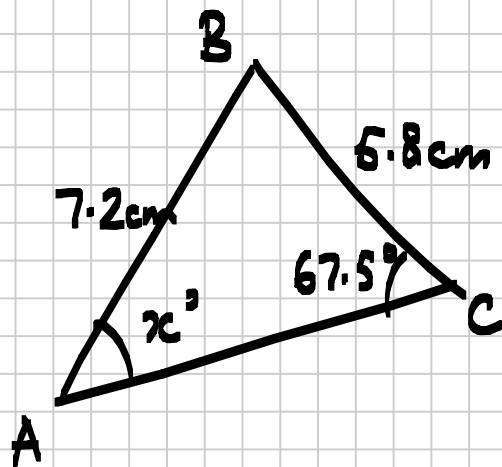
$$x = 180 - (\theta + 28) = 180 - 50.2213... = 129.7786711$$

$$\text{so } x \approx 130^\circ.$$

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2 In each of the diagrams work out the value of x .

a)



$$\frac{\sin x}{5.8} = \frac{\sin 67.5}{7.2}$$

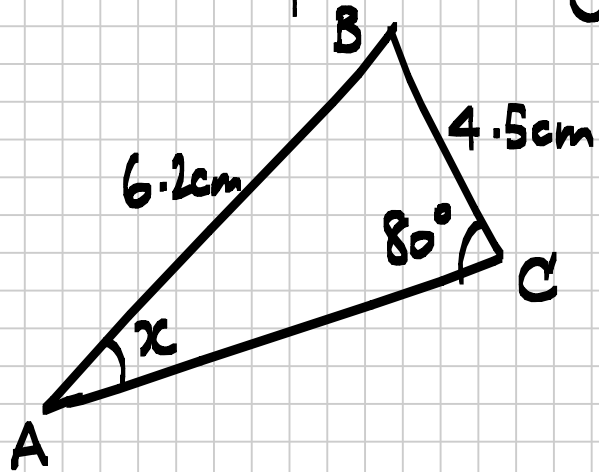
$$x = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{5.8}{7.2} \sin 67.5\right)$$

$$x = 48.09354391 \approx 48.1^\circ$$

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2 In each of the diagrams work out the value of x .

b)



$$\frac{\sin 80}{6.2} = \frac{\sin x}{4.5}$$

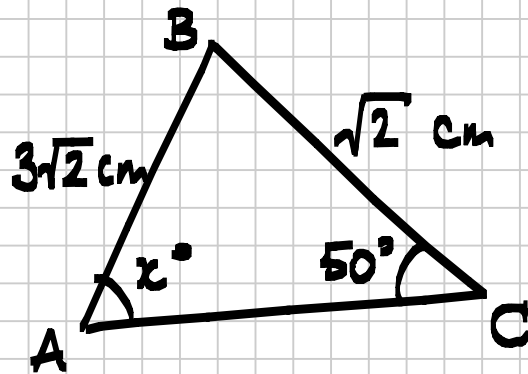
$$x = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{4.5}{6.2} \sin 80^\circ \right)$$

$$x = 45.62515758 \approx 45.6^\circ$$

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2 In each of the diagrams work out the value of x :

c)



$$\frac{\sin x}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sin 50}{3\sqrt{2}}$$

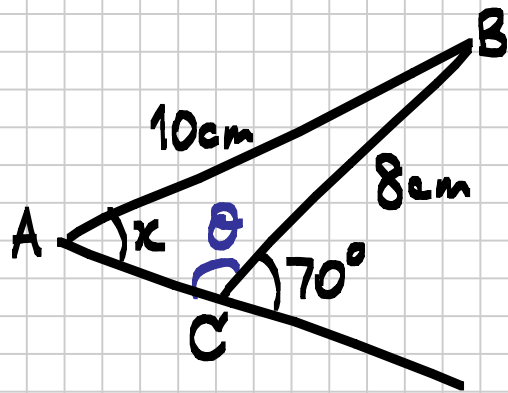
$$x = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{3} \sin 50^\circ\right)$$

$$x = 14.79421551 \approx 14.8^\circ$$

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2 In each of the diagrams work out the value of x .

d)



Call $\hat{ACB} = \theta = 110^\circ$ (angles on straight line)

$$\frac{\sin x}{8} = \frac{\sin \theta}{10}$$

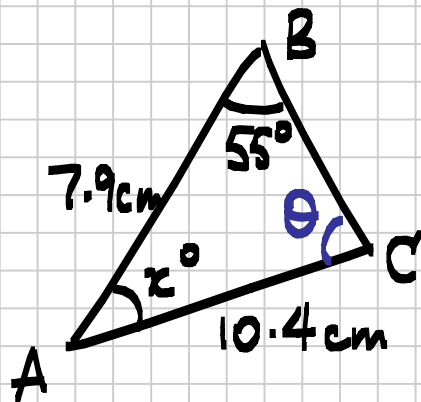
$$x = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{4}{5} \sin 110^\circ \right)$$

$$x = 48.74255246 \approx 48.7^\circ$$

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2 In each of the diagrams work out the value of x :

e)



Call $\angle ACB = \theta$ then $x = 180 - (55 + \theta)$ later.

$$\frac{\sin \theta}{7.9} = \frac{\sin 55}{10.4}$$

$$\theta = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{7.9}{10.4} \sin 55\right)$$

$$\theta = 38.47993254$$

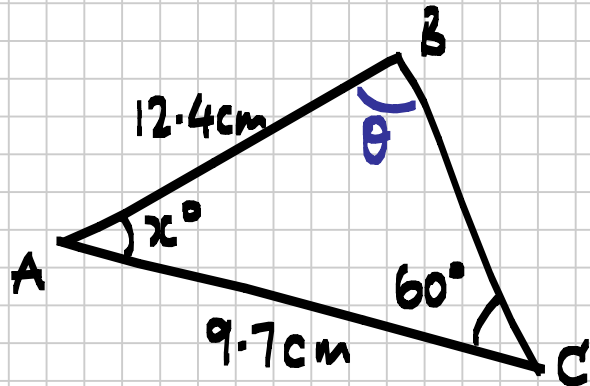
$$x = 180 - 93.4799... = 86.52006746$$

$$\text{so } x \approx 86.5^\circ$$

C2 Ex 2B

2 In each of the diagrams work out the value of x .

f)



Introduce $\theta = \hat{A}BC$

$$\frac{\sin \theta}{9.7} = \frac{\sin 60}{12.4}$$

$$\theta = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{9.7}{12.4} \sin 60^\circ \right)$$

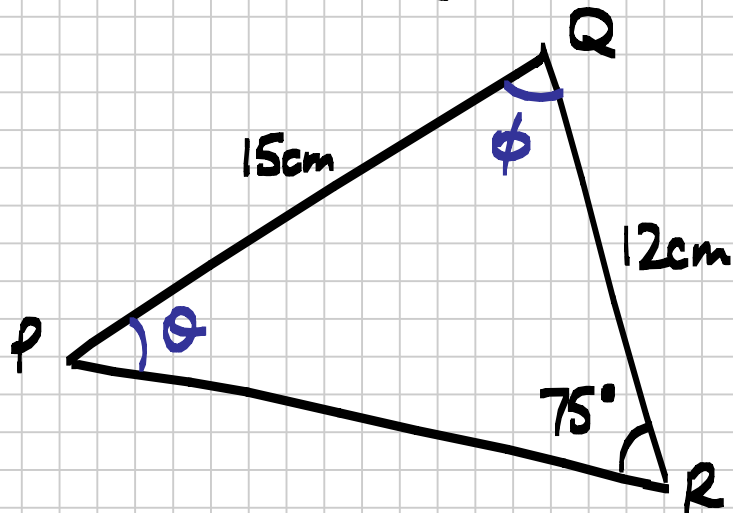
$$\theta = 42.64511419^\circ$$

$$x = 180 - 60 - \theta = 77.35488581$$

$$x \approx 77.4^\circ$$

C2Ex2B

- 3 In $\triangle PQR$, $PQ = 15\text{cm}$, $QR = 12\text{cm}$ and $\angle PRQ = 75^\circ$. Find the two remaining angles



Call them $\theta = \hat{R}PQ$ and $\phi = \hat{P}QR$

$$\text{Then } \frac{\sin \theta}{12} = \frac{\sin 75}{15}$$

$$\theta = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{4}{5} \sin 75^\circ \right)$$

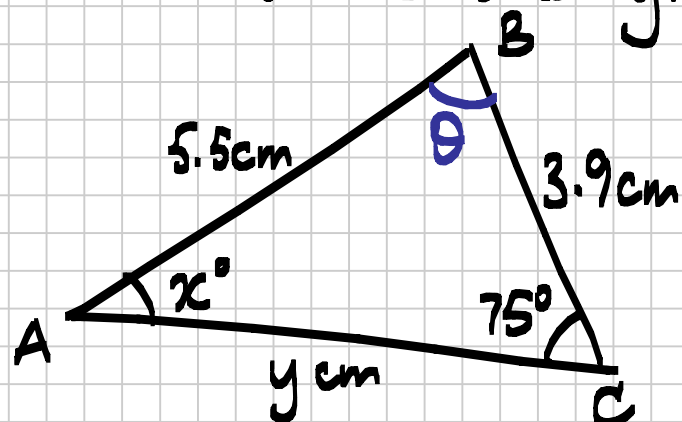
$$\theta = 50.60063973^\circ \approx 50.6^\circ$$

$$\text{Since } \phi = 180 - 75 - \theta = 105 - \theta, \quad \phi = 54.39936022 \approx 54.4^\circ$$

* you may recall we found $\sin 75 = \frac{\sqrt{2}(1+\sqrt{3})}{4}$ from C2Ex2A Q3

C2 Ex 2B

4a... work out x and y .



$$\frac{\sin 75}{5.5} = \frac{\sin x}{3.9}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{3.9}{5.5} \sin 75^\circ\right)$$

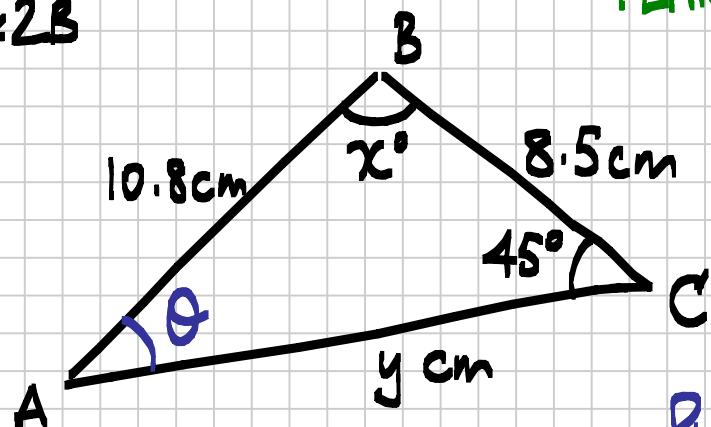
$$\Rightarrow x = 43.23004114 \approx 43.2^\circ$$

$\angle ABC = \theta = 61.8^\circ$. now

$$\frac{y}{\sin \theta} = \frac{5.5}{\sin 75}$$

$$\text{so } y = \frac{5.5 \sin \theta}{\sin 75} = 5.016747118 \approx 5.02 \text{ cm}$$

C2 Ex 2B
4b



PLAN: Introduce angle θ , you can't work out x and y at the same time.
Find θ first & use angle sum of a triangle to get x then sine rule again to find y .

Put $\theta = \hat{BAC}$ then using the sine rule

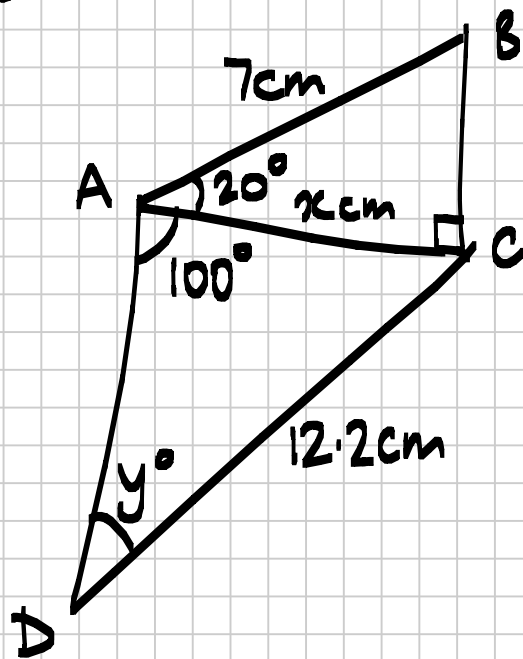
$$\frac{\sin \theta}{8.5} = \frac{\sin 45}{10.8} \Rightarrow \theta = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{8.5}{10.8} \sin 45^\circ \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = 33.81541917 \approx 33.8^\circ \Rightarrow x = 180 - (45 + \theta) \approx 101^\circ$$

$$\text{Now } \frac{10.8}{\sin 45} = \frac{y}{\sin x} \Rightarrow y = \frac{10.8 \sin x}{\sin 45} = 14.98342274$$

$$\text{so } y \approx 15.0 \text{ cm}$$

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4c



Note $\triangle ABC$ is a right angled triangle

So $\cos 20^\circ = \frac{x}{7}$ using trigonometry.

$$\Rightarrow x = 7 \cos 20$$

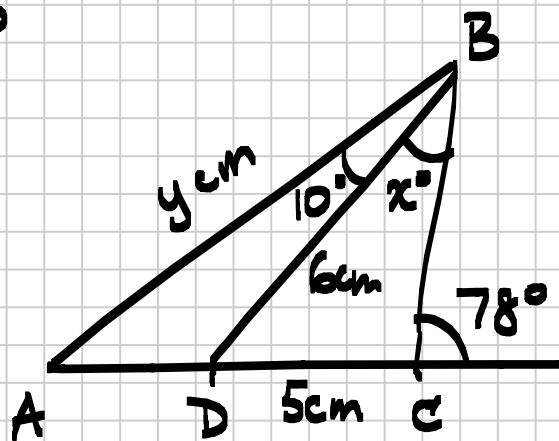
$$x = 6.577848346 \approx 6.58 \text{ cm}$$

$$\frac{\sin y}{x} = \frac{\sin 100}{12.2}$$

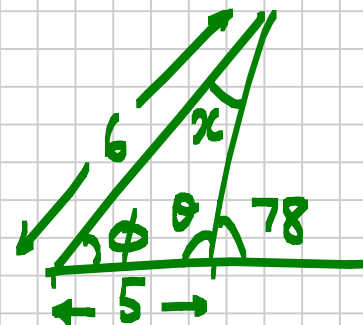
$$\Rightarrow y = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{12.2} \sin 100 \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 32.071472 \approx 32.1^\circ$$

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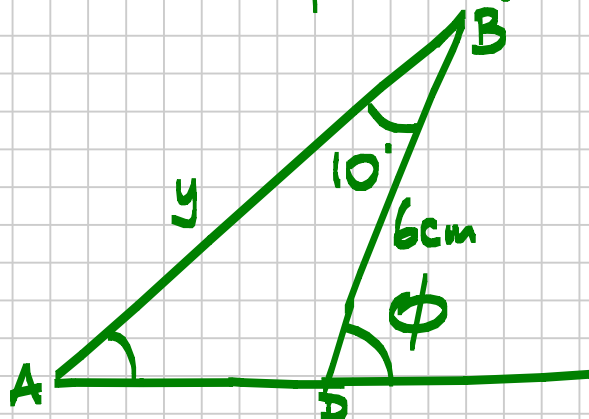


Plan: ① concentrate on this bit:



find θ
(angles on line)
then x
(sine rule)

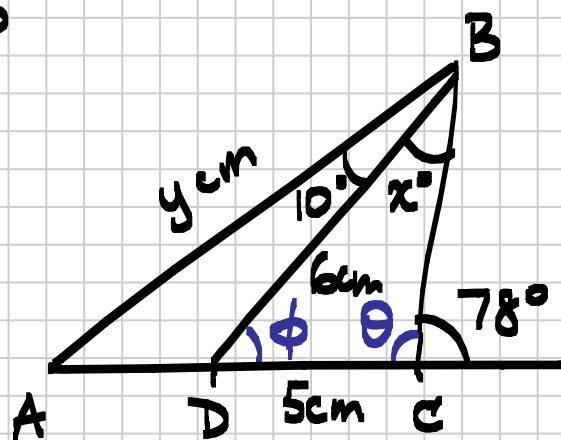
② Next find ϕ (angles in Δ) and start to concentrate on the left hand Δ :



Then you can find angles $\hat{A}B\hat{C}$ and $\hat{B}A\hat{D}$ to use sine rule again.

(Quite a hard question)

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4d



$$\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow \theta = 180 - 78 \quad (\text{angles on straight line})$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = 102^\circ$$

$$\frac{\sin x}{5} = \frac{\sin \theta}{6} \Rightarrow x = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{5}{6} \sin \theta\right)$$

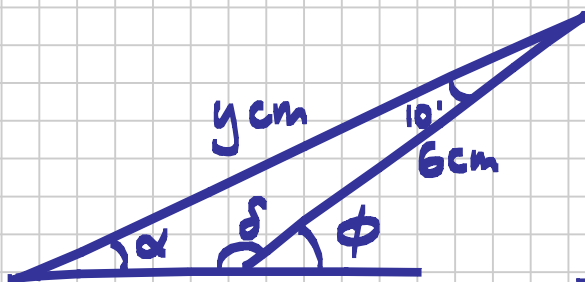
$$x \approx 54.6^\circ$$

$$\textcircled{2} \text{ Angle sum of } \triangle \Rightarrow \phi \approx 23.4$$

$$\delta = 180 - \phi \approx 157$$

$$\alpha = 180 - (\delta + 10) = 180 - (180 - \phi + 10)$$

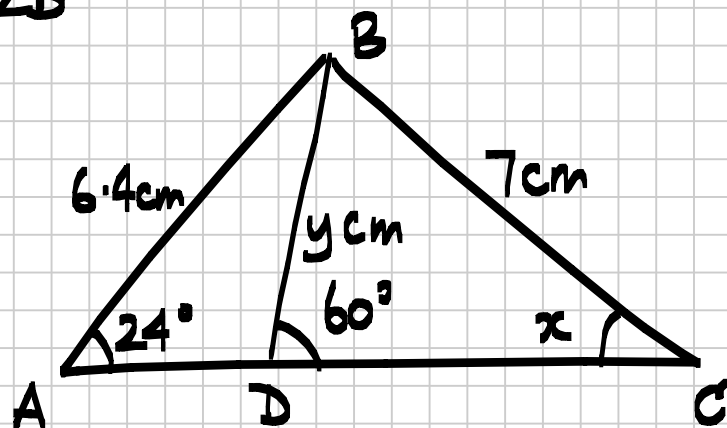
$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \phi - 10 \approx 13.4$$



$$\frac{y}{\sin \delta} = \frac{6}{\sin \alpha} \Rightarrow y = \frac{6 \sin \delta}{\sin \alpha}$$

$$\text{so } y = \frac{6 \sin 157}{\sin 13.4} = 10.28207848 \approx 10.3 \text{ cm}$$

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4e



$$\frac{\sin x}{6.4} = \frac{\sin 24}{7} \text{ in } \triangle ABC$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{6.4}{7} \sin 24 \right)$$

$$x = 21.8312075 \approx 21.8^\circ$$

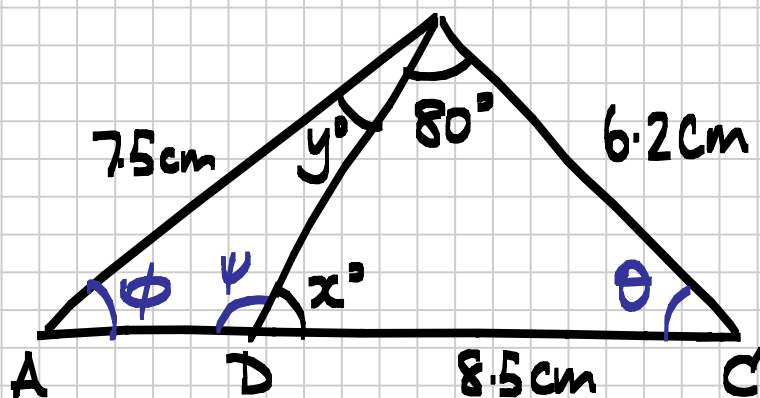
Then in $\triangle DBC$

$$\frac{y}{\sin x} = \frac{7}{\sin 60} \Rightarrow y = \frac{7 \sin x}{\sin 60}$$

$$y = 3.005817733 \approx 3.01 \text{ cm}$$

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4f

$\theta \equiv \text{theta}$ $\phi \equiv \text{phi}$ $\psi \equiv \text{chi}$ $\omega \equiv \text{omega}$
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$$\frac{\sin x}{6.2} = \frac{\sin 80^\circ}{8.5}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{6.2}{8.5} \sin 80^\circ\right)$$

$$x = 45.91680345 \approx 45.9^\circ$$

$$\psi = 180 - x \approx 134$$

$$\theta = 180 - (80 + x) \approx 54.1^\circ$$

$$\frac{\sin \phi}{6.2} = \frac{\sin \theta}{7.5} \Rightarrow \phi = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{6.2}{7.5} \sin \theta\right) \approx 42.0^\circ$$

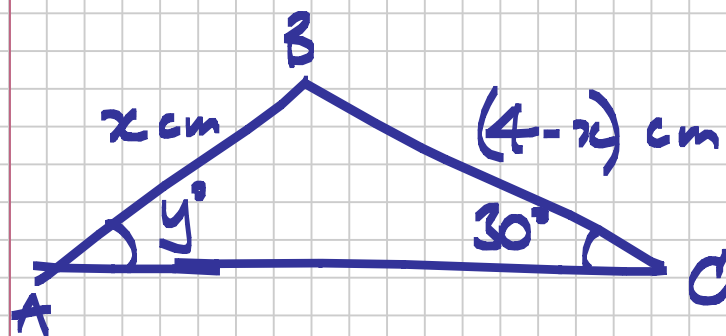
$$\phi + \psi + y = 180 \Rightarrow y = 180 - (\phi + \psi) = 3.888916235 \approx 3.89^\circ$$

* there appears to be an early rounding error in book which gives 3.87° instead. I've calculated using memory functions & carried variables.

C2 Ex2B

5 In $\triangle ABC$, $AB = x$ cm, $BC = (4-x)$ cm, $\angle BAC = y^\circ$ and $\angle BCA = 30^\circ$. Given that $\sin y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ show that $x = 4(\sqrt{2} - 1)$

Using the sine rule:



$$\frac{4-x}{\sin y} = \frac{x}{\sin 30}$$

$$\Rightarrow (4-x)(\sin 30)^* = x \sin y$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(4-x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}x \Rightarrow \sqrt{2}(4-x) = 2x$$

$$\Rightarrow 4\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2}x = 2x$$

$$\Rightarrow 4\sqrt{2} = 2x + \sqrt{2}x = (2 + \sqrt{2})x$$

* You should know $\sin 30^\circ = \frac{1}{2}$ using half an equilateral triangle. See next page...

We have

$$4\sqrt{2} = (2 + \sqrt{2})x$$

so

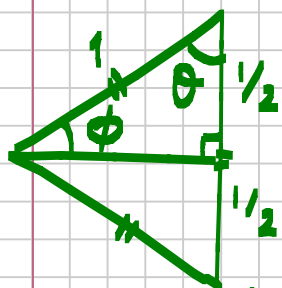
$$x = \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{2 + \sqrt{2}} \times \frac{2 - \sqrt{2}}{2 - \sqrt{2}}$$

$$x = \frac{8\sqrt{2} - 8}{4 - 2}$$

$$x = \frac{8(\sqrt{2} - 1)}{2}$$

$$x = 4(\sqrt{2} - 1)$$

Consider the equilateral triangle of side length 1:



Realise $\theta = 60^\circ$, $\phi = 30^\circ$
 $\Rightarrow \sin 30 = \cos 60 = 1/2$.